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THE PUBLIC HUE and CRY;

OR,

Sir John Fielding's General Preventive Plan.

To the Mayors and Chief Officers of Corporations, the Acting Magistrates in the Counties at large, and the Keepers of every County Gaol throughout England.

From FRIDAY, MARCH 4, to FRIDAY, MARCH 18, 1774. [N°. 14.

FELONS at LARGE, Escaped from Justice.

JOHN CONNCEY, Owen Hern, Christopher Riley, James Marnaugh, James Booth, John Bradbourn, Thomas Hebbs, and William Brommell, charged with Felony. John Connecy is about thirty Years of Age, about five Feet nine Inches high, well made, dark brown Hair, sallow Complexion, sandy Beard, small hazle Eyes, large Roman Nose, on the right Side of which is a Scar, was dressed in a blue Coat, red Waistcoat, and black Breeches; in October last he lived at Reading, where he committed an atrocious Robbery. Owen Hern, is by Birth an Irishman, about thirty Years of Age, five Feet nine Inches high, swarthy Complexion, pock-marked, black Hair tied behind, black Beard, thin made, was dressed in a green Coat in December last, he lived in Covent Garden, where he committed the Felony. Christopher Riley, by Birth an Irishman, and by Trade a Whitesmith, is said to be gone to work at Newmarket; about forty Years old, tall and thin, was dressed in a red surtout Coat in January last he lived in London, where he committed a most audacious Robbery. James Marnaugh, a Bricklayer's Labourer, by Birth an Irishman, is forty Years of Age, middle sized, stout made, round faced, dark hair, was dressed in a blue Coat with yellow Buttons, buff Waistcoat, black stocking Breeches; in January last he worked in Hackney Road, and was concerned in the Robbery with Christopher Riley last mentioned. Thomas Hebbs, has been formerly a Servant, but lastly a Porter at the Inns in and about Smithfield; is between twenty and thirty Years old, five Feet seven Inches high, straight brown Hair, round faced; was dressed in blue Coat, short red Waistcoat, and [illegible] Breeches: a few Years ago he lived with a Farmer at Lothbury, in Bucks, and in February committed a Highway Robbery in Bedfordshire. James Booth, by Trade a Cabinet-Maker, born at Stamford, in Lincolnshire, is about twenty six Years of Age, five Feet one Inch high; is fond of Shooting and Singing; was dressed in a dark Coat and Waistcoat with white metal Buttons: in February last he was in Custody at Stamford, in Lincolnshire, for Felony, but escaped from the Constables. John Bradbourn, late a Custom House Officer at Margate in Kent, was taken up in London, is between thirty and forty Years old, five Feet eight Inches high, thin made, dark Complexion, his left Eye is larger than his Right, short dark Hair, was dressed in a brown Coat and Waistcoat, and black Breeches; on the 1st of February last he escaped out of Bermondsey Workhouse, in Surry, when in Custody for a Felony. Robbery. William Brommell, by Trade a Shoe-Maker, born at Southampton, short, but well set, twenty-three Years old, black short Hair, generally wears his Hat cocked, dressed in a blue surtout red Waistcoat, and dirty Leathers Breeches: in January last he lived at Southampton, where he committed the Felony.

The Clerks to the Magistrates in the Counties, Towns, Clerks of Corporations and Gaolers, are particularly requested to express the Names of these Offenders alphabetically; at large, and in all probability pursuing their usual Practices, the sooner they are apprehended the better. Give Notice to the above Office.

STOLEN, near Richmond, March 16, a light chestnut Mare, long Tail, has a Blemish on her left Knee rising from a Blister, is about fourteen Hands three Inches high, about five Years old, and when stolen had Tips on her fore Feet instead of Shoes. Five Guineas Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office.

STOLEN or Strayed, from Hounslow Heath, February [illegible], a Black Horse Colt, upwards of twelve Hands high, three Years old, a large Star in his Forehead, four white Feet, behind, thick Mane and Tail. A Guinea Reward is offered by the Owner on Conviction of the Offender, or Half a Guinea for bringing him back. Give Notice at the above Office, or to Mr. [illegible] at Hounslow.

STOLEN from Cart Mare, full aged, fifteen Hands high, the near Feet behind white, both Legs behind greasy, a small white Spot behind her right Ear, a small Snip in her Ear, and a Snip down her Face. Ten Guineas Reward is offered by the Owner. Give Notice to the above Office, or to William Newark, Baker, at Petersham.

STOLEN from Kenilworth, in Warwickshire, February [illegible], a Brown Saddle Mare, fourteen Hands and one Inch high, five Years old, two white Heels behind, her off Fore blemished, had a bar Shoe on. And a light Bay Gelding, fifteen Hands high, five Years old, four white Legs, mald-faced, the Hair a little off on the Spavin Place. Give Notice to the above Office, or to Thomas Davis, of Kenilworth, Warwickshire.

STOLEN from the Farm of [illegible], near Brentford, Middlesex, a Bay Mare, full aged, fourteen Hands high, with Tail, black Legs, black Mane [illegible] shouldered, the Mane hangs on the near Side, wanted a Shoe on one of her fore Feet. Five Guineas Reward is offered by the Owner on Conviction of the Offender. Give Notice to the above Office.

BROKEN open on the 6th Instant, the Shop of Mr. George [illegible], at Uppingham, in Rutlandshire, and stole a Pair of buckskin Breeches, and some others. Five Guineas Reward is offered by the said George Pole, on Conviction. Give Notice to the above Office, or to the said

To the EDITOR of the PUBLIC HUE AND CRY.

SIR,

POSSIBLY, under the idea of a discovery for the benefit of [illegible], you may treat what follows with [illegible] degree of contempt, be it so, provided you give it a place in your paper; and let me tell you, Sir, that you must now and then permit your correspondents to trifle a little, and indulge their hobby-horse, *dulce est desipere in loco*; and if your readers should find themselves disappointed, let them complain, after all, I will engage this letter is [illegible] for to tell you the truth at once, a kitchen-garden is my hobby-horse, and I pay as much respect to any new vegetable that is useful and agreeable on its introduction into my garden, as is generally shewn to an Ambassador at his first arrival; and such, Sir, [illegible] once, I find the Milan Cheux, from what country it comes, [illegible] name of it, may be an Italian; but these are its true qualities; it is [illegible] in its form, beautiful in its colour, and exquisite in its taste. I have changed its name to Marrow Cabbage, and this plant is so hardy in its nature that it stands the severest weather; and what renders it extremely valuable in this country, is [illegible] the table with the most agreeable vegetable from the beginning of December to the latter end of May, and plentifully too, for it is [illegible] [illegible] in the first week in April, and the first week in May, that you may have two crops; it requires the same ground, the same culture, and the same [illegible] in all respects as common [illegible] [illegible] in April will be [illegible] [illegible] December, and what you sow in May will come in about the beginning of March. Gather it as follows; first cut off the heads standing, with a little stalk to it, this prevents the water from lodging and rotting the stem, from which you are to expect your harvest: by that time you have used these heads, if the weather be [illegible], the stem will begin to shoot out in sprouts like the small hearts of a cabbage; these should be broke off when about six inches and half long; when you dress either the sprouts or the heads, just take off the outside leaf, and peel the skin from the stalk very clean; they require to be boiled very tender to have their true flavour, and then no green can be more excellent. This plant was introduced to my [illegible] four years ago, by a very ingenious [illegible], who has been a long time retired from business, but who formerly lived [illegible] [illegible] and [illegible], the two capital [illegible], now resides, of whom I used to get this seed, and who can furnish any enquirer with the true character of Milan Cheux. HORTI CULTOR.

P. S. As this vegetable is so plentiful a bearer, I think it would be worth the Gardeners while to cultivate it for the markets. I intend this spring to weigh the quantity of sprouts produced by one single healthy stem, and will communicate the event of this experiment in this paper.

To the EDITOR of the PUBLIC HUE AND CRY.

> But once your rogue at Tyburn swing,
> He never will rise to rob again.

SIR,

CONVERSING the other day with a friend of some ingenuity and [illegible], upon the subject of our penal laws, after bestowing the highest encomiums upon the present system, and giving the whole the sanction of his warmest approbation, he closed his panegyric with observing, That though he heartily wished Sir John Fielding all possible success with his *Preventive Plan*, yet he had not a doubt but the best of all preventions of robbery, was the getting fairly rid of the robber; that he thought this country under the greatest obligations for the numbers that passed through that magistrate's hands in their way to execution—concluding his argument with the two lines, which, that I may make no compliment to my friend's reasoning, I have prefixed as a motto to this paper.

Although I am far from being of an opinion with Mr. Locke, that from the very different provinces of wit and judgement, these qualities are scarcely ever found united in one, and the same [illegible] as a maxim, never to engage in regular dispute with any man, who introduces drollery into a point worthy of serious controversy. I contented myself, therefore, with reminding my facetious friend of his well-known predilection, while at the university, for the [illegible] the logic [illegible] which, I thought fell [illegible] the [illegible] of many [illegible] which [illegible] had successively introduced; as his *Argumentum Tiburnicum* was upon the present occasion.

But that I may not seem to offer slight to so important a subject, I will, with your leave, present my friend through the channel of your paper, with my reasons for dissenting from his [illegible] of [illegible] the genius of a people should carefully be consulted—What is the principal object of their terror?—Of Englishmen certainly not death—Witness their contempt of it in every [illegible] and [illegible] upon themselves upon the slightest occasions—[illegible]

Death, [illegible] in the proper punishment of [illegible]—for death is the chief object of [illegible] to avoid the chance of being killed, he defers his [illegible] in time of [illegible] it, as by rendering the consequence [illegible] certain, which by [illegible]

Upon this principle it is [illegible] Death [illegible] robbery. [illegible]

[illegible] *Thief*, and [illegible] his [illegible] the degree of punishment to the degree of [illegible] in the offender, which, according to the present code of penal laws, you cannot.—And you may render the labour of the convict [illegible] beneficial to society, by employing him upon public works [illegible] galling as [illegible] of which [illegible] is now deprived, by [illegible] him out of [illegible], and that, as it generally happens in the prime of life. [illegible] to this, it [illegible], but the view of [illegible] would infuse much more [illegible] into the minds of the idle and dissolute, than the present mode of punishment by death, which is [illegible], that there is no execution happens but [illegible] are committed in view of the very [illegible] to prevent them.

Upon the whole, nothing is to me more evident than the necessity of a revisal of our penal laws, if we would wish to reclaim those who [illegible] of a life of industry, who are not afraid to [illegible] of [illegible] at the [illegible] of their [illegible]; but who would not venture [illegible] at the [illegible] [illegible]

EUGENIUS.

Kent, March 5, 1774.

[illegible] [illegible] *Dr.* DOMINICETTI'S [illegible] *and fumigations, at Chelsea.*

IN the year 1767 a young man, about nineteen years of age, was put under my care, for the [illegible] of one of his feet: it appeared as if dislocated at the ancle, where the muscles, nerves, and ligaments, were so amazingly relaxed, that he could by no means put his foot [illegible] [illegible] The [illegible] and the [illegible] contrivances, had [illegible] without success. The patient and his friends were without hopes; but by the [illegible] my medicated baths, stoves, and fumigations, [illegible] he was perfectly [illegible] well.

[illegible] an objection, [illegible] of a recent cure, viz. that it might possibly [illegible], therefore, for the future, [illegible] and a new case together.

A few [illegible], a gentleman, about forty years of age, was recommended to my care by his physician, [illegible] tried the power of medicine without any success or the least hopes of it. His [illegible] a swelling in his leg and thigh, which had [illegible] both of an enormous size; so that the patient was miserable, and despaired of relief: but under the providence of God, by the use of my baths, stoves, and fumigations, he is perfectly recovered, and can walk as well as ever he did. The names of these patients, and of the physicians who attended them together, with the causes assigned for their complaints, may be known by applying [illegible] books. B. DOMINICETTI. M.D.

I HAVE frequently conversed with these two patients, viz. when they first applied to the Doctor in their respective wretched states, during the progress of their cure, and since their recovery; within this month they have both declared to me that they are well. And I cannot consider them but as two members restored [illegible] lives in a miserable despondency.

J. FIELDING.

From the LONDON GAZETTE.

St. James's, March 9.

THE King has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Sir William Meredith, Bart; and Jeremiah Dyson, Esq; Members of the Privy Council.

Lord North, George Onslow, Charles Townshend, Francis Seymour Conway, and Charles Wolfran Cornwall, Esq; to be Commissioners for executing the Office of Treasurer of his Majesty's Exchequer. And

Thomas Lord Pelham Warden and Chief Justice in Eyre of all his Majesty's Forests, Parks, Chases, and Warrens beyond Trent.

Petersburgh, Feb. [illegible] In the [illegible] skirmishes which the advanced parties of Gen. Bibikow's army have had with the rebels, the latter have hitherto been always defeated. The troops appear so animated against them, that notwithstanding the strictest orders to give quarter to those who are willing to surrender, it has hitherto been impossible to oblige them to do so.

Dresden, Feb. 27. On Friday morning died at this place, in the 73d year of his age, Prince John George Chevalier de Saxe, Field-Marshal of the Electoral Saxon army, Commander of the Artillery, and Chief of the Council of War, Knt. of the order of [illegible] and of the White Eagle of Poland.

Hague, March 4. The young Prince was christened yesterday with great solemnity in the principal church of this town; he was named William-George-Frederick; and had the honour to have their [illegible] Majesties and Her Royal Highness the Princess Amelia among his sponsors.

MONDAY, March 14.

LONDON.

Yesterday the Bishop of St. *Asaph* preached before his Majesty at the Chapel Royel, St. James's.

The sword of state was carried by Lord Bruce.

After his Majesty returned from chapel there was a court and drawing room.

They write from Genoa, that a Russian ship of war in distress put into a port in Corsica, but that the French commanding officer not only refused them every kind of assistance, but absolutely threatened to sink the ship if [illegible] depart immediately; she did so, and the next day foundered, and every soul on board, except two seamen, perished.

The Anson and Ashburnham East-Indiamen, taken up on government contract, to carry horses, officers, &c. for India, are ordered round to Portsmouth to receive them on board.

The Friends Goodwell, Christie, from Sunderland, is lost near Poole, and it is feared that both ship and [illegible] will be lost.

On Saturday in the afternoon the Western and Chester Mails, which should have arrived the day before, came in. They were detained by the waters being out in divers places in their journey.

MARRIED.] On Saturday last was married Martin Dawkins, Esq. of Queen-square, Ormond-street, to Miss Ellison, of Upper Grosvenor-street. A few days ago Mr. Jonathan Lowndes, of St. Giles's, Oxford, to Miss Henrietta Sanford, of the same place.

DEATHS.] Friday died, raving mad, at her house at Stockwell, in the 62d year of her age, Mrs. Ursula D'Arcy, a widow gentlewoman; her death was occasioned by the bite of a lap-dog, about seven months since. Same day Mr. Tho. Emery, many years Master Carpenter to Covent-Garden Theatre.

TUESDAY, March 15.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Leghorn, February 17.

YESTERDAY arrived in our roads, the new Russian squadron under the command of Vice-Admiral Greig, in twenty-three days from Portsmouth, consisting of the Isidorum, Capt. Surminoff, of 74 guns; the Mironositz, Capt. Mussin Puskin, of 74 guns; the Alexander Newsky, Capt. Vorotoff, of 64 guns; the Demetrius Donsky, Capt. Pajalkoff, of 64 guns; and St. Paulus, Capt. Povalisky, of 30 guns. Admiral Greig's Lady is on board of the Isidorum, but will disembark here, and take up her residence at the Hotel of the Russian agent. The squadron will sail to-morrow for the Isle of Paros, the wind being very fair.

A great number of small vessels of an entire new construction, calculated merely for bringing troops on shore, have been finished at the Isle of Paros. It is supposed that the Russian fleet consists at present of near 130 sail, of different sizes, besides those which are expected in the months of May and June next.

We hear that the French Ambassador at Petersburgh has made great complaints about the conduct of the Russian ships cruizing near the Islands of Corfu and Zante; but has received no satisfactory answer.

Several English vessels, laden with provision, have arrived within these few weeks at our road from Petersburgh, and sailed for the Isle of Paros.

They write from Ferrol, that they received orders at that port to fit out 20 men of war, which shall be ready at a moment's notice.

We learn from Constantinople, that since the new Sultan ascended the throne, several new proposals have been made to him by the foreign ministers to negociate a peace, but would give ear to none.

LONDON.

Yesterday there was a levee at St. James's, at which the Earls of Rochford, Suffolk, Sir James Lowther, &c. were present.

The same day the Marquis de Cordon, lately arrived as Ambassador from the Court of Sardinia, (in the room of his Excellency the Count de Scarnafis who is recalled) was presented to his Majesty at St. James's.

Yesterday after the levee was up at St. James's the two Secretaries of State had a long conference with his Majesty at St. James's.

Through a peculiar authentic channel we find, that the Grand Signior takes upon himself the sole direction of affairs in the present crisis; that his dictates are the rule of conduct of the Divan, and that his natural warmth of temper is greatly increased in consequence of the ill success of his army.

The farmers in the neighbourhood of Bedford have sustained very considerable damage by the great flow of waters, the rapidity of which has been so great as to carry away great numbers of all kinds of cattle.

Extract of a letter from Oxford, March 12.

"The incessant rains and snow which fell in this neighbourhood from Saturday night to Wednesday evening, exceeded every thing of that nature ever remembered, and the floods occasioned thereby are almost incredible. The temporary foot bridge across Angel meadow was rendered impassable; the water overflowed the top part of the bridge enclosing the water walks at Magdalen College. In St. Thomas's parish the inhabitants were confined to their upper floors, and the communication held with them was by means of boats; and Bullstock bridge on the New Botley road sustained considerable damage, but being immediately railed on that side, the passage is now rendered perfectly safe.

"At Henly bridge post chaises and horse passengers were obliged to be ferried over, and the passage of coaches were entirely obstructed.

"At Maidenhead bridge, Mr. March's ground floors were rendered uninhabitable, the water running in vast torrents in at the windows.

"At Sandford, three miles from this city, the brook was so amazingly swelled as to swim horses in the high road; as was likewise that at Shillingford.

"The waters on the Birmingham, Worcester and Gloucester roads, were equally alarming; all kinds of travelling in divers places, was rendered totally impracticable; and there are reasons to fear great damages may have been sustained in the loss of cattle, &c.

"At Chesham, in Buckinghamshire, as well as at Amersham, a boat may be rowed all over the town, the water in both these places being a foot higher than ever was known.

"In Hertfordshire, Hampshire, at Uxbridge, &c. it is nearly the same."

The most dismal accounts are hourly received in town of the damages done by the floods in various parts of the country; several parts of the North are under water for ten miles together; many accidents have happened to travellers, and a very melancholy one to one of the Northern stage coaches, all the passengers, horses, &c. of which being entirely lost.

Saturday afternoon, at three o'clock, there was the greatest Spring tide that has been known for these forty years past, owing to the high winds and the land waters; it flowed through the wooden bridge in New Palace-yard, and was within four or five feet of Westminster-Hall; several houses in Westminster were full of water.

The high tide on Saturday last occasioned the following laughable and true picture of distress: A Coal-Merchant near the Horse-Ferry, Westminster, having some friends to dine with him, had unluckily fixed the hour at three o'clock: the servant left the kitchen about two for a few minutes, and on her return found admittance denied, the water having risen above a foot during her absence; she immediately gave the alarm, and proper persons came to her assistance. The continued pouring in very rapidly; and as soon as a plank could be placed for the Cook to take a survey, she mounted and got within her dominions; but only time enough to see the water had extinguished the fire: and what was still more droll, the fillet of veal resembled the wheel of a mill, dashing the water to the further part of the kitchen; the fillet likewise, from the many dips it had received, appeared as white as when first put down. Upon a representation to the family and company of the situation below, after a hearty laugh, by mutual consent, they adjourned to a tavern.

They write from Frittenden, near Cranbrook, Kent, that they lately had a remarkable ball at the George Inn at that place, which was opened by one Henry Bates, aged 85, and his wife, aged 77 years; who, though so far advanced in years, moved with amazing activity through a company of his children, grand-children, and great grand-children, in number about 50, who were assembled on that occasion, and who spent the remainder of the night in dancing, while the venerable old man played on the violin, which he had practised near 70 years in that neighbourhood. This company think themselves qualified to dance a country dance with any four generations in Great Britain, for a plumb cake or a sack of flour, provided their ancestor plays to them.

William Frankland (who in January session was convicted at the Old-Bailey of discharging a pistol loaded with lead bullets, at and against Thomas Miller, Esq.) yesterday gave bail before Mr. Recorder to transport himself for the term of his natural life, pursuant to the conditions of his Majesty's pardon, and was discharged from his imprisonment.

At Aylesbury assizes, Bucks, John Misson, for robbing Joseph Lucas on the highway of 21l. with his pocket-book, and six Bank Notes to the amount of 120l. and William Nash, for robbing John Turner on the highway; and John Garner, for sheep-stealing, received sentence of death.

MARRIAGE.] Yesterday was married at the parish church at Richmond, Charles Meadows, Esq. to Miss Ann Mills.

DEATHS.] Yesterday died at his chambers in Lincoln's Inn, greatly advanced in years, Robert Harley, Barrister at Law, uncle to the Earl of Oxford, Recorder of Tewksbury, and Member for Droitwich. Yesterday, at Lambeth, Whitlock Plummer, Esq. On Saturday, Mr. Pierson Bathurst, apothecary in the Minories. Yesterday, Mr. Samuel Taylor, goldsmith and jeweller, of Castle-street, Leicester-fields. Thursday, of an inflammation in his bowels, Dr. John Bostock, Physician to the Infirmary at Liverpool. Last Friday, of an apoplexy, at Ludham, in Norfolk, Mrs. Elizabeth Tuck, aged 103 years, who enjoyed all her senses to the last.

The 25th ult. died at Vienna, Count Wallis, Count of the Roman Empire, Knight of the Golden Fleece, Field Marshal, &c. &c. to their Imperial and Apostolic Majesties, aged 78 years.

WEDNESDAY, March 16.

From the LONDON GAZETTE.

St. James's, March 15.

THE King has been pleased to appoint the Right Hon. Frederick North, commonly called Lord North, Knight of the Most Noble Order of the Garter, to be his Majesty's Lieutenant and Custos Rotulorum of the County of Somerset.

March 14. This day the Comte de Scarnafis, Envoy Extraordinary from the King of Sardinia, had his audience of leave of his Majesty.

And afterwards the Marquis de Cordon, his successor in the same capacity, had his first private audience of his Majesty, to deliver his credentials.

To which they were introduced by the Right Honourable the Earl of Rochford, one of his Majesty's Principle Secretaries of State, and conducted by Stephen Cottrell, Esq; Assistant-Master of the ceremonies.

FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE.

Warsaw, February 27.

THE Delegates continue their sittings; and, in order to finish the business more expeditiously, they have divided themselves into different committees. It has been resolved, that 30,000,000 of Polish florins be raised for the current year, of which ten millions is to be granted for the King's household, fifteen millions for the support of the army, and four millions to repair the King's palace, as also to discharge his debts.

We are greatly afraid, that the Dissidents will not meet with the success they expected; for the committee, which are to settle that point, consists mostly of bishops and enemies to the evangelical church; and especially, as the committee must meet in the hotel of the Austrian minister.

The beginning of this month a French Nobleman arrived here, and has had several private audiences of the King, and frequent conferences with our ministry.

We learn from the Russian grand army, that they are making preparations to open the campaign towards the beginning of next month, as the weather is very mild; and those troops and magazines which were on the other side the Driester since the month of December last, have now crossed that river and joined the grand army, so that they are in a situation to attack the enemy.

The report of the Emperor's design to commence a war with the Porte gains ground every day, so that it is expected both campaigns will open at once, in case matters are not very soon settled to the advantage of the house of Austria; but whether the other courts of Europe will intermeddle in it, is a matter which incites the curiosity of our politicians.

LONDON.

Extract of a letter from Paris, Feb. 18.

"Sunday the 30th of last month a great many people wanting to pass the river Sarte, between the towns of Mans and Sable, crowded into the ferry-boat to the number of more than 60. The water being very rapid, the boat foundered. Several of the passengers saved themselves by swimming; others had timely assistance; but in the whole 45 persons perished, among whom were several women big with child. The whole village of Noyon is in great consternation, entire families being become extinct by this disaster. Persons were employed all the day in fishing after the drowned, but they were not able to administer to them the remedies prescribed by the city of Paris, as they are not yet known in that country. This misfortune will probably occasion their establishment there."

Letters from Senegambia mention the arrival of William Mayers, Esq. appointed Lieutenant-Governor of that place, in the room of Gilpin Sowrey, Esq. deceased.

A letter from Arbroath, dated March 8, says, "Yesterday morning the Katie, Alexander M'Iver, master, a sloop, bound from Leith to Stornoway, struck on the rock called the Cape, and about three hours after part of her bottom was beat out, when the crew, consisting of six men, and three passengers, took to their boat, and are arrived at this place. It is supposed the vessel has been since driven out to sea. The sloop had been newly launched, and this was her first voyage."

THURSDAY, March 17.

LONDON.

Extract of a letter from the Hague, Feb. 28.

"The difficulties in relation to the detention of the Dutch ship of war in the port of Cadiz, still subsist, the court of Spain insisting upon a punctual observation of treaties. Fresh complaints are also made against other ships of our nation for clandestinely exporting piastres from the above port, in direct violation of the orders of both powers."

"The value of guineas has increased here contrary to the expectation of many, on your government calling in those under certain weight; as the Jews settled in this country, instead of sending them to England, have found a way of disposing of them to better advantage to themselves."

A letter from Naples, dated Feb. 9, says, "The King has rejected the supplication of the Consuls of Palermo, that the Duke de Fogliani may return to this city, and answered that such a proceeding, without the concurrence of the chiefs of administration seemed indiscreet, and tending to raise a flame within a state. The court has since received another supplication on the same subject, signed by the Senate and the grand Deputation of the kingdom. It was comprised in very respectful and loyal terms, and was favourably received: and it is thought that his Majesty will soon recal the Duke de Fogliani to Palermo."

The Senate of Venice have lately issued several decrees to regulate the administration of the revenues of some Abbeys and Monasteries in their dominions; among the rest one is, that all the stipends allowed to curates for officiating in the sacred offices of the church shall be annexed to the several curacies in perpetuity, nor shall they revert to the Abbeys or Monasteries by any species of resignation whatever.

A treaty of alliance, offensive and defensive, is negociating between our Court, the Dutch, and the King of Sardinia, whereby they engage to assist each other with all their force, if the dominions of either should be attacked by any other power.

Yesterday there was a levee at St. James's, at which the principal officers of state, &c. were present.

The same day General Scott, lately arrived from Scotland, attended the levee at St. James's.

His Majesty returned from St. James's to the Queen's palace at three o'clock.

Yesterday the Duke and Duchess of Gloucester took an airing in St. James's Park.

Yesterday the Earl of Bute arrived at his house in South Audley-street, from Luton Hoo, perfectly recovered from his late indisposition.

A new writ is issued out to elect a Coroner for the county of Somerset, in the room of William Norton, Esq. of Glastonbury, deceased.

A new writ is issued for the election of a member of Droitwich, in the room of the late Robert Harley, Esq.

Yesterday a Court of Common-Council was held at Guildhall; at which were present the Lord Mayor, the Aldermen Turner, Wilkes, Kirkman, Esdaile, Thomas, Plomer, Sheriff Sayer, and about 100 Commoners, when the canal committee were empowered to treat with the river Lee Company, relative to any damages that might ensue from the intended navigable cut.

The report respecting the City Marshalship was referred back to the committee for a further examination, and to report their opinion. Several petitions were received and referred back to various committees. The Court broke up at half after twelve o'clock.

On Monday sailed from Gravesend for the Downs, in order to proceed on her voyage to the East-Indies, the Earl of Ashburnham, Captain Jamieson.

Yesterday sailed from Gravesend, for the Downs, the Anson East Indiaman, Captain Monro, from whence she will in a few days proceed on her voyage to the East-Indies.

James Hamilton, Esq. from half-pay, is appointed Lieutenant-Colonel of the 21st regiment, in the room of Lieutenant-Colonel Maxwell, preferred to the command of the 67th regiment of foot.

Capt. Henry Creed, of the thirty-third regiment, is appointed Major of the same regiment, vice Major Webster preferred.

Capt. Hunday, of the Martins, who is arrived at Corke from the West Indies, in lat. 45, long. 30, saw a little vessel to windward bearing down towards him, for which he brought-to. She proved to be a small open boat with a blanket for a sail; in her was the crew of a New English ship, which vessel foundered five days before. These distressed people had been five days and four nights in the boat; and spoke with a French brig, who refused to take them up; and if they had not met with more compassion from Captain Horsley, they must have all perished, as it blew so strong, that the boat must have foundered. The crew consisted of eleven men and three women.

Four very strong-built ships are now going out much earlier than usual to Greenland, in order to attempt to go further to the north pole, than any of those ships have hitherto attempted.

Tuesday morning, about one o'clock, the wainscot nearest the chimney-piece of the chair-room parlour of the Pantheon was discovered to be on fire, occasioned by the marble being uncommonly hot; but by the activity and industry of some attendants, the same was extinguished without the knowledge of any of the company.

Yesterday the body of a female child, about five years of age, was taken up in the river, near Wapping: it appeared she had been murdered, her throat being cut in a most shocking manner.

DEATHS.] Tuesday died at Bedford, Sir Richard Adams, Knt. one of the Barons of his Majesty's Court of Exchequer. He was justly esteemed as a great and good man, and was an ornament to his profession. A few days ago died, at his house in Dartmouth-street, Westminster, Richard Clapham, Esq. Secretary to his Grace the Lord Archbishop of York, and not the Archbishop of Canterbury, as was mentioned in the papers. On Monday, at Stepney Causeway, John Simpson, Esq. Tuesday, in Aldermanbury, Mr. George Fryer, a Blackwell-Hall Factor.

Saturday last died, at his brother's house at Newington Common, Gordon, the officer, who was discharged about a fortnight since from St. Thomas's Hospital; he was stabbed some time ago by a gentleman whom he was going to arrest in Gravel-lane. And Tuesday he was opened by a surgeon, by order of the brother, when there was found in his body a considerable quantity of clotted blood. Tuesday night the coroner's inquest sat on his body, and brought in their verdict, Wilful Murder.

We hear, that on the 2d instant, two gentlemen were robbed by two footpads, near the ten mile stone on the Rumford road, of some money and two watches; one silver, maker, Robinson; tells the day of the month: the other metal, single cased, maker, Rainsford, and a family seal, set in gold, with the Neville's arms in an escutcheon of pretence upon three coats; a fancy seal, a chrystal set in gold, impression, a Cupid, with his foot on a rock, holding a letter in his hand, and pointing to a ship at sea, motto, "Love will find the way."

John Myatt, alias Early, alias Richard Dart, alias Mason, charged with several burglaries in Wiltshire and Hampshire, was last week apprehended at Darlington, in consequence of the advertisements in the Hue and Cry being reprinted in the Newcastle paper. If this noble example was to be followed by the printers of papers in other corporations, no offender could escape justice.

Committed from the PUBLIC-OFFICE, in Bow-Street, during the last fortnight;

Samuel Robinson and William Griggs, for a footpad robbery. Michael Clure, for stealing a cloak, the property of Catharine O'Neil. Henry Evans, for stealing lead from a house in in St. Margaret's parish, Westminster. Thomas Erskine, for feloniously being at large in England, before the expiration of the time for which he was ordered to be transported. Samuel Samworth, for stealing linen, the property of John Biggs. Priscilla White, for stealing three guineas, the property of Robert Pearson. William Houghton, for stealing 29l. the property of Israel Brakenell. John Koetler de Kinape, for forgery. William Hill, for stealing several salts, spoons, &c. the property of Richard Lord. Derrick Mentz, for concealing his effects, to the amount of 40l. being a bankrupt. Thomas Morgan, for robbing Edward Minton on the highway. John Webb, for stealing a silver watch, the property of Thomas Marsh. Moses Abrahams, for stealing apparel, the property of John Adam, Esq. Joseph Cleeley, for stealing a watch, the property of William Seaton.

Committed during the course of last week.

To Lincoln Castle, William Trevis, for house-breaking, he was born at Conisgby, is a labourer, twenty-four years of age, and five feet five inches high; David Oglesby, for felony, he was born at Brigg, is twenty years of age, five feet seven inches and a half high, by trade a taylor.

To Oakham Gaol, James Sherwin, for sheep-stealing, aged thirty-six, five feet four inches high, a labourer, and born at Oakham.

To Reading Gaol, Thomas Tapping, for house-breaking, fifteen years of age, five feet high, was born at Workingham; John Pickett, for felony, thirty-six years old, five feet six inches high, born at Hampton in Surry.

To Durham Gaol, John Myett, alias Early, alias Richard Dart, alias Mason, alias Flemming, advertised in the Hue and Cry of March the 4th.

To Shrewsbury Gaol, Edward Turner, for felony, he is a cooper, born in Shropshire, five feet ten inches high, and has lost his right eye; John Moreton, a negro, born in Carolina, for burglary; John Price, for sheep-stealing, born in Shropshire, twenty-five years of age, five feet eight inches high; John Thomas, for felony.

To Northampton Gaol, Thomas May, of Towcester, for highway robbery, twenty-two years of age, five feet ten inches high, by trade a gardener.

To Nottingham Gaol, Richard Wheatly, for felony, about forty years of age, five feet ten inches high, born in Derbyshire, by trade a frame-work knitter.

To York Castle, George Willison, for murder, aged thirty-two, five feet five inches high, a carpenter; Henry Goodwill, for felony, aged thirty-five, five feet eight inches high, a rope-maker; Thomas Miller, for felony, aged thirty-seven, five feet seven inches high, a weaver; Robert Craggs and Margaret Craggs, for sheep-stealing; Robert Craggs was born at Richmond, is twenty-five years of age, five feet six inches high; Margaret was born at Richmond, is twenty-one years of age, and five feet five inches high.

To Bedford Gaol, John Bromfell, for felony, he is about fifty years of age, and five feet six inches high.

OBSERVATION.

If the Keepers of the County Gaols continue punctually to make a weekly return to the above office of the names and descriptions of the offenders committed to their charge, it must be the means of recovering many prisoners that have broke Gaol, and of detecting many notorious criminals who have committed offences in the counties from whence they have escaped; and if the Post-Masters in the different parts of England pay an exact attention to the directions they have received from the Hon. the Post-Master General, in sending an immediate account of every robbery that comes to their knowledge, with the best description of the offenders, the whole state of criminal matters that arise within the course of the week, will be contained in this Paper, the Public Advertiser, and the Gazetteer, to which therefore we refer Pawnbrokers, Silversmiths, Dealers in Cloaths, and Horse Dealers, to prevent their buying or receiving stolen goods or horses; for as it is natural for offenders who escape justice in the country to fly towards London for shelter, such occurrences, together with those that arise in town, are advertised in these two daily papers; and as it is also as common for offenders who escape justice in this metropolis, to fly into the country for shelter, these occurrances are constantly advertised in the HUE and CRY: by these reciprocal methods escapes must be rendered difficult, the evil-disposed deterred from involving themselves and families in distress; the number of capital offenders lessened, and the lives of many of his Majesty's subjects thereby happily saved, to the joy of humanity, and the honour of civil policy.

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